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In the application of: Eldridge et al.

Application No.: 10/035,633

Filing Date: December 28, 2001

For: ELECTRICAL CONTACT STRUCTURES
FORMED BY CONFIGURING A FLEXIBLE
WIRE TO HAVE A SPRINGABLE SHAPE
AND OVERCOATING THE WIRE WITH AT
LEAST ONE LAYER OF A RESILIENT
CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL, METHODS OF
MOUNTING THE CONTACT
STRUCTURES TO ELECTRONIC
COMPONENTS, AND APPLICATIONS
FOR EMPLOYING THE CONTACT
STRUCTURES

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: 2841

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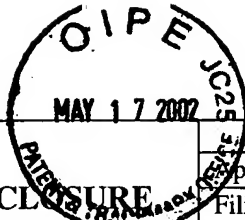
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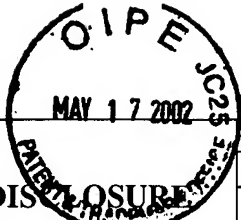
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